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SUBJECT: SUDANESE TERRORISTS REPORTED VISIT TO UN

REF: STATE 250981

1. OFFICERS AT THIS EMBASSY WERE PLEASED AT REASSURANCES GIVEN IN REFTEL THAT DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING TO REVIEW EFFORTS TO PROTECT THEM FROM RISKS OF TERRORISM.

2. MAJOR ARGENTINE DAILY NEWSPAPER "LA PRENSA" OF NOV. 15 CARRIED UP STORY DATED LONDON, NOV. 14, REPORTING THAT "LONDON EVENING STANDARD" STATED THAT 3 BODYGUARDS WHO ACCOMPANIED YASSER ARAFAT TO NEW YORK WERE THE PRINCIPAL PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ASSASSINATIONS OF TWO US DIPLOMATS AND ONE BELGIAN IN KHARTOUM IN MARCH, 1973. THEIR NAMES WERE GIVEN AS FAWAS YASSIN ABDUL RAHMAN, ABU HAJLEH, AND FAROUK AL-HUSSEINI. THE STORY WENT ON TO SAY THAT ABDUL RAHMAN WAS CHIEF OF AL FATAH OFFICE IN KHARTOUM AND HAD BEEN MENTIONED BY SUDANESE AUTHORITIES AS THE PERSON WHO DIRECTED THE ATTACK WHICH RESULTED IN THE MURDERS. THE OTHER TWO WERE REPORTED TO BE THOSE WHO ACTUALLY CARRIED OUT THE

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MURDERS.

3. WE ASSUME THAT THIS STORY IS NOT TRUE, BECAUSE REFTEL STATES THE RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS ARE UNDER DETENTION IN EGYPT. IN ADDITION, WE ASSUME THAT US VISAS NECESSARY TO VISIT UN WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN GRANTED TO INDIVIDUALS KNOWN TO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THOSE MURDERS. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE RECEIVING CONFIRMATION, BOTH FOR OUR OWN INFORMATION AND IN ORDER TO REPLY TO POSSIBLE INQUIRIES RESULTING FROM PRESS STORY.
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